

Senate File 453 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 36)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to high school graduation requirements.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a, Code
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Adopt rules that establish a core curriculum and
4 ~~requiring, beginning with the students in the 2010-2011 school~~
5 ~~year-graduating class,~~ high school graduation requirements
6 for all students in school districts and accredited nonpublic
7 schools that include at a minimum satisfactory completion
8 of four years of English and language arts, three years of
9 mathematics, three years of science, and three years of social
10 studies.

11 (1) The rules establishing high school graduation
12 requirements shall authorize a school district or accredited
13 nonpublic school to consider that an eighth grade student who
14 satisfactorily completes a high school-level unit of English
15 or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies has
16 satisfactorily completed one year of the high school graduation
17 requirements for that area as specified in this lettered
18 paragraph, and to authorize the school district or accredited
19 nonpublic school to issue high school credit for the unit to
20 the student.

21 (2) The rules establishing a core curriculum adopted
22 shall address the core content standards in subsection 28 and
23 the skills and knowledge students need to be successful in
24 the twenty-first century. The core curriculum shall include
25 social studies and twenty-first century learning skills which
26 include but are not limited to civic literacy, health literacy,
27 technology literacy, financial literacy, and employability
28 skills; and shall address the curricular needs of students
29 in kindergarten through grade twelve in those areas. The
30 department shall further define the twenty-first century
31 learning skills components by rule.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill directs the state board of education to modify
34 its rules relating to high school graduation requirements for
35 all students of four years of English and language arts, three

1 years of mathematics, three years of science, and three years
2 of social studies, to allow a school district or an accredited
3 nonpublic school to consider that an eighth grade student who
4 satisfactorily completes a high school-level unit in one of
5 those areas to have satisfactorily completed one year of the
6 high school graduation requirements for that area and to be
7 issued high school credit for the unit.